ignoring the lowest bid, N. P. C. C. awarded the work of 15 per cent above the lowest rates to two contractors; if so, the reasons for rejecting the lowest bid the difference in total amounts between the lowest bid and the rates at which the contracts were awarded;

(c) whether it is also a fact that during the negotiation stage of the said sub-contract, the original tenders amount of Rs. 2.5 crores was raised to Rs. 4.68 crores and original tender conditions were modified to offer financial concessions to only two of the five bidders; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have set up an Enquiry Commission in this regard, if so, the findings of the Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Based on pre-qualification of contractors made out of the applications received on open advertisement, NPCC invited offers from the pre-qualified contractors for works of Mahakali Irrigation Project, Nepal, estimated to cost Rs. 5.45 crores;

(b) Yes, Sir. The NPCC did not accept the lowest bid which was 5 per cent below the estimated amount, because in addition to other things, the party did not agree to give deposit/Bank Guarantee for an amount equivalent to 10 per cent of the tendered amount as stipulated in the terms and conditions of the tender document. The works were awarded to the two next higher parties at the negotiated amount of 10 per cent above the estimated cost;

(c) No, Sir. There was no change in the original tendered amount of Rs. 5.45 crores. However, conditions regarding mobilisation advance, machinery advance and escalation formula were revised.

(d) No, Sir.

Bungling in N.P.C.C.

2184. SHRI N. A. BABY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the bunglings in procurement of stores was detected at Karbi Langpy Unit of NPCC Limited as a result of which one Deputy General Manager on NPCC was placed under suspension and an inquiry was ordered in the matter;

(b) whether it is a fact that during the said inquiry, the present CMD of NPCC revoked, within weeks of his joining as CMD, the suspension of the said Deputy General Manager and appointed him as Sector Incharge with enhanced financial and administrative power; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the said inquiry was completed early 1992 and charges of irregularities were proven against the said Deputy General Manager; if so, when was the inquiry completed and what was the punishment awarded to the said Deputy General Manager; and whether the punishment was commensurate to the nature of charges proved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) On receipt of the report of some irregularities in procurement of stores at Karbi-Langpi Unit of N.P.C.C. in Assam, the then Deputy General Manager, Incharge of the Unit was placed under suspension in June, 1990.

(b) The suspension was revoked in January, 1991 and the officer was posted to Madras unit with the same powers in keeping with general guidelines in the matter.

(c) The Inquiry was completed in March, 1992 and a major penalty of reduction in pay by one stage for a period of two years was imposed on charged officer by the Competent Authority. He was also transferred from working unit of Madras to the Corporate Office, Delhi.

Payment made by NPCC to M/s. Poriole Experts and Associates

2185. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Deputy General Manager of NPCC posted at Hyderabad made payment of Rs. 5,00,000 to M/s. Poriole Experts and Associates against the Bank Guarantee ignoring the mandatory verifications with Bank before making payments against its guarantee;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether N. P. C. C. has initiated any departmental action against the errant Deputy General Manager and if not, why ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (c) The Deputy General Manager of NPCC posted at Hyderabad made a payment of Rs. 5 lakhs to M/s. Poriole Experts and Associates after receiving confirmation by post from the Bankers about the issue of the Bank Guarantee. However, subsequently at the time of revalidation of the bank guarantee, the Bankers informed that they had not issued the said bank guarantee and the letter confirming the same. The first information report has been lodged with the police by the Deputy General Manager.

मध्य प्रदेश में बाढ़ से नुकसान

2186. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री छोटुभाई पटेल :

क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मध्य प्रदेश में प्रतिवर्ष आने वाली बाढ़ों से भारी नुकसान होता है और इनके कारण इस राज्य के निवासियों को अनेक मुसीबतों का सामना करना पड़ता है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने बाढ़ से होने वाले नुकसान को रोकने के लिए अल्पकालीन और दीर्घकालीन योजनाएं तैयार की हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री पो. के. थुंगन) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश में बाढ़ के कारण सालाना औसतन क्षति लगभग 4.80 करोड़ रुपए है।

(ख) और (ग) मध्य प्रदेश में यमुना, टोंस तथा सोन नामक तीन नदी प्रणालियों के बाढ़ प्रबंध के वास्ते व्यापक योजनाएं गंगा बाढ़ नियंत्रण आयोग द्वारा तैयार की गई हैं। इनमें अल्पावधिक तथा दीर्घावधिक संरचनात्मक उपाय जैसे तटबंध, जलाशय, शहरों की सुरक्षा तथा कटाव-रोधी कार्य और गैर-संरचनात्मक उपाय जैसे बाढ़ पूर्वानुमान, बाढ़ मैदान जोनिंग तथा बाढ़ प्रूफिंग शामिल हैं।